

BISON TALES



October 2016 Update

September was an exciting month with children renewing and making new friendships and settling into their learning programs. We so enjoyed connecting with each of you at Meet the Staff night and appreciate your interest and support in our wonderful parent volunteer organizations. The [Bison Family Games Night](#) was an amazing success with so many students, parents and staff (over 150 people!) had an opportunity to play mathematical literacy games that engage students and parents in learning. The energy and enthusiasm of students and parents was simply awe inspiring! Thank you to the Ardrossan Junior-Senior High School Leadership students for popping the popcorn for our students to enjoy and the Ardrossan Elementary Parent Support Association for donating prizes. Plans are already underway next year for the Second Annual Math Games night! The weather cooperated so the Terry Fox Run was a success again for students, staff and parents to walk in support of this cause that is close to the hearts of everyone. September 30th was also an opportunity for students and staff to wear orange in recognition of Every Child Matters.

October brings the changing colours of the leaves on the trees as we all prepare for the onset of cooler weather. This month also promises to be filled with student and staff learning, parent volunteerism, student progress interviews and Halloween. As well, the grounds for the replacement school are being readied for construction to commence. The official Groundbreaking Event happens on October 13 at 11:00 a.m. Thanks to everyone for continuing to be safety cautious and traffic savvy as construction takes place.

Lastly, on behalf of our staff, we wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable Thanksgiving. Great Happens Here!

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ACTION

Sync with the Calendar of Events

Please subscribe to our school [Calendar of Events](#). Reminders will sent automatically to your personal devices. This is a great way to stay in touch with a very busy event calendar. You are also able to print off the monthly calendar at a glance. If you haven't signed up yet, please do!

OPPORTUNITY

School Council Meeting – An Invitation

Parents are most welcome to attend our next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 11th from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the Library followed by Canadian Parents for French (CPF) from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Please join with us in extending congratulations to JP Grebenc, School Council Chair, AEPSA Chair and Casino Chair who continues to be a key parent leader in our community. He is joined in this important work by Connie Hamlin, Vice Chair, and Jackie Anderson, Secretary.

AEPSA (Ardrossan Elementary Parent Support Association)

A HUGE thank you to the following parents who dedicated hours at the Camrose Casino on Monday and Tuesday night. Under the guidance of JP Grebenc, Casino Coordinator, the parent fundraising group hopes to raise \$15,000 - \$20,000 for audio-visual equipment for the gymnasium in the replacement school. A Bison Bravo to JP Grebenc, Wendy Marty, Vania Lloyd, Darryl Popik, Kaya Kasook, Tim Bragg, Sheree Buchanan, Sonya Wurster, Robyn Anderson and Renee Pollon. You lead the herd!!!

Congratulations to Cheryl Popik, Vice Chair and Wendy Marty, Treasurer who join with JP Grebenc, Acting Chair to form this extraordinary executive team.

We look forward to you joining a great group of parent volunteers! Please visit <http://ardrossanelementary.ca/council/meetings> on the school website for School Council Minutes and additional up to date information.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the replacement school will take place on October 13th at 11:00 a.m. The Grade 5 Choir will serenade special guests. This will be an outdoor event 😊

Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews

A reminder that parents and guardians will be able to sign up for interviews that will be held on October 26 and 27 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Information will be sent home next week.

Literacy and Learning Day

The 14th Annual Literacy and Learning Day Conference takes place on Oct. 22, 2016 at the Edmonton Expo Centre. The event is a fun-filled day for both parents and teachers, and includes various free workshops and keynote speakers. Participants are guaranteed to walk away with new strategies, tools and resources to support children as they grow and learn. The conference is free and everyone is welcome. For more information, or to register, visit www.literacyday.ca.

Tidbits from the Lunchbox

Please get Online and Register at www.aeslunchbox.com

Did you know that Hot Lunch is expanding? Beginning in November, menus are available for 4 days a week!

INFORMATION

2016-17 Staff Update

Please welcome Mme Shauna Benoza who is teaching Grade 2 French Immersion until after Spring Break while Mme Proulx is on parental leave. We also welcome Mme Zah, Educational Assistant, who is also joining our staff this school year.

Makerspace

The students are “abuzz” with Makerspace. Tell me more! Stay tuned to the [Ecole Ardrossan Elementary](http://EcoleArdrossanElementary) for pictures of students in action – creating, innovating and collaborating. Check the following link for more information: <https://youtu.be/QAcmejwPxzs>

Leader in Me – Habit 2

The 7 Habits is a combination of universal, timeless principles in support of personal and interpersonal effectiveness, such as responsibility, vision, integrity, teamwork, collaboration and renewal, which are common to all people and cultures. October’s focus is on “Begin With the End in Mind”. Setting goals is a key emphasis for learning this month. For further information please visit [Leader in Me](#).

Icon Picture Day

The ICON EXPERIENCE photographers will be retaking individual student photos on **Tuesday, October 25**. The purchase of pictures is optional; however, all students will have their picture taken. Please note: in keeping with personal hygiene, send along a comb or brush for your own child if necessary as students are not to share.

Terry Fox Run

Over \$600.00 was raised by the school community in support of the Terry Fox Run. Although cloudy, the rain held off while we raced around the school yard.

Parents Make the Difference

The online magazine, **Parents Make the Difference**, provides parents with advice and suggestions regarding supporting children at home and within the school environment to be capable learners and caring citizens.

Please check out October’s topics that may be of interest to you:

[Are you helping your child deal with frustration.pdf](#)

[Make reading a priority for your elementary schooler.pdf](#)

[My competitive child rushes through work....pdf](#)

[Responsibility leads to success in the classroom.pdf](#)

Read-In Week Activities

Read-In Week was a tremendous success. Make sure to check the [photo gallery](#) on the website to see evidence to literacy in action! Scholastic Book Fair is once again happening in the Learning Commons during Parent Student Teacher Interviews. Great chance to pick up great deals on books as well as support the school library.